

REMARKS

As indicated above, the current Office Action dated March 27, 2006 specified that Claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 12 are allowed; and claims 6-8 and 11 are rejected in this current Office Action. The current Office Action also objected to the specification because of certain informalities. Applicant has corrected the specification informalities above and respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

In this current Office Action, paragraphs 3-4, the Office has indicated that claims 6, 7, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), as being anticipated by Nakao (JP 56140722 A). Claims 8 and 11 are cancelled above. With respect to independent claim 6 and claim 7, which depends from claim 6, Applicant respectfully believes that the Office has misread Nakao. Applicant's Claim 6 reads on Figures 7A and 10A. The flip-flops 70 and 71 of Figure 7A, 92 and 93 in Figure 10A, respectively receive a clock (CK) and "a clock delayed by a predetermined duration". Also, in Figures 7A and 10A, the clocks 70, 71 and 92, 93 receive the output of the combinatory logic circuit 10. Those two features are explicitly recited in claim 6, as follows:

Claim 6. (Previously Amended): A circuit protected against transient disturbances, the circuit comprising:

a combinatory logic circuit having at least *one output*;

a first flip-flop **rated by a clock**, the first flip-flop being connected to receive *said output*;

a second flip-flop connected to *said output* and **rated by the clock delayed by a predetermined duration**; and

a circuit for analyzing outputs of the flip-flops, the analysis circuit indicating an error if the flip-flop outputs are different.

In Nakao, contrary to the assertion of the Office, both flip-flops 4 and 5 of Figures 3 and 6 receive on their clock input C the same signal from a terminal 2. Also, one of the flip-flops

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receives the input of a circuit 6 while the other flip-flop receives the output of this circuit 6.

Therefore, the two above-recited basic features of claim 6 are not anticipated by Nakao.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Section 102 rejection be withdrawn with respect to Applicant's amended independent claim 6, and also with respect to claim 7, which depends from amended independent claim 6.

CONCLUSION

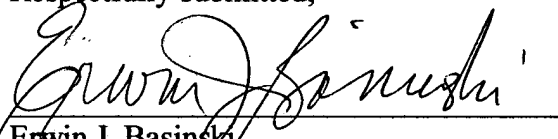
As indicated above, Claims 8 and 11 are cancelled and claims 6 and 7 have been shown to be allowable. It is therefore respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 12 are now allowable and it is requested that the application be passed to issue.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time, and requests that the undersigned be called as soon as possible.

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